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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16,27-34 and 36-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16,27-34 and 36-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 9/16/05 has been entered.

2. Claims 1-16, 27-34 & 36-42 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 10-12, 14-15, 27, 32, 36 & 38-41 have been amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 40-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 40-41 recite the limitation "application program" in claim 40, lines 1 and 3 and in claim 41 line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. It appears to be a typo. The limitation "application program" should be -- operating system component--.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-16, 17-34 & 36-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Albright, U.S. Patent Application No. 6,110,228 (AAPA, art made of record).

As per claim 1, Albright discloses **a method for dynamically updating an operating system component prior to installation of the operating system component on at least one destination machine, comprising** (col. 1:35-40, "The computer programs comprising the remote location operating system and application programs will be changed from time to time as improvements are added to the programs and as programming errors, typically referred to as "bugs", are found and fixed", and col. 2:47-53, "In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code back from the software maintenance facility"), **said method comprising:**

- identifying update content related to the operating system component before installing the operating system component on the destination machine from one or more installation media, said operating system component being stored on one or more installation media and being adapted for installation on the destination machine from the installation media (col. 2:58-63, "the front end permits the customer to specify a range of operations, including service research (i.e. identifying update content), requesting service, applying service, providing fixes, and installing serviced product or fixes at the remote location. A service machine at the central site performs the requested service, and the results are provided back to the customer"),

- obtaining the identified update content from one or more update media, said media being remote from the destination machine (col. 2:47-53, "In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code back from the software maintenance facility"),

- merging the update content with the operating system component stored on the installation media to create an updated operating system component before installing the updated operating system component on the destination machine (col. 2:47-53, "In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and

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receive updated executable code (i.e. a updated operating system component) back from the software maintenance facility”),

- **Installing the updated operating system component on the destination machine** (col. 2:47-53, “In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code (i.e. a updated operating system component) back from the software maintenance facility”).

As per claim 2, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses that **obtaining update content from one or more media remote from the destination machine via a network** (col. 2:26-31, “The fixes might be obtained, for example, as copies of code changes recorded onto magnetic tape or disk. Alternatively, the changes might be obtained over telecommunication lines such as through modem connections. Changes might also be received directly over the network to which the remote site is connected”).

As per claim 3, the rejection of claim 2 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses that **the network is the Internet** (col. 2:26-31, “The fixes might be obtained, for example, as copies of code changes recorded onto magnetic tape or disk. Alternatively, the changes might be obtained over telecommunication lines such as

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through modem connections (i.e. Internet). Changes might also be received directly over the network to which the remote site is connected”).

As per claim 4, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses that **the update content includes at least one file** (col. 1:35-40, “The computer programs comprising the remote location operating system and application programs (i.e. file) will be changed from time to time as improvements are added to the programs and as programming errors, typically referred to as “bugs”, are found and fixed”, and col. 2:47-53, “In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code back from the software maintenance facility”).

As per claim 5, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses that **the update content includes a patch** (col. 1:35-40, “The computer programs comprising the remote location operating system and application programs (i.e. file) will be changed from time to time as improvements are added to the programs and as programming errors, typically referred to as “bugs” (i.e. patches), are found and fixed”).

As per claim 6, the rejection of claim 5 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses that **the patch modifies the operating system component on the**

installation media prior to installation on the destination machine (col. 2:47-53, "In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code back from the software maintenance facility").

As per claim 7, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright disclose that the update content includes **a driver for controlling hardware on the destination machine** (col. 2:58-63, "the front end permits the customer to specify a range of operations, including service research, requesting service, applying service, providing fixes, and installing serviced product (i.e. drivers) or fixes at the remote location. A service machine at the central site performs the requested service, and the results are provided back to the customer").

As per claim 8, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses that **identifying the update content comprises:**

- **analyzing hardware or software or both on the destination machine** (col. 2:58-63, "the front end permits the customer to specify a range of operations, including service research (i.e. analyzing hardware or software), requesting service, applying service, providing fixes, and installing serviced product or fixes at the remote location. A service machine at the central site performs the requested service, and the results are provided back to the customer").

As per claim 9, the rejection of claim 8 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses **one or more computer readable media having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited** (col. 1:35-40, "The computer programs comprising the remote location operating system and application programs will be changed from time to time as improvements are added to the programs and as programming errors, typically referred to as "bugs", are found and fixed", and col. 2:47-53, "In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code back from the software maintenance facility").

As per claim 10, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses that **the operating system component comprises operating system software or application program software or both** (col. 1:35-40, "The computer programs comprising the remote location operating system and application programs will be changed from time to time as improvements are added to the programs and as programming errors, typically referred to as "bugs", are found and fixed", and col. 2:47-53, "In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code back from the software maintenance facility").

As per claim 11, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses that **merging the update content with the operating system component comprises one or more of the following: patching, replacing, and adding to the operating system component on the one or more installation media** (col. 1:35-40, "The computer programs comprising the remote location operating system and application programs will be changed from time to time as improvements are added to the programs and as programming errors, typically referred to as "bugs", are found and fixed", and col. 2:47-53, "In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code back from the software maintenance facility").

As per claim 12, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses **extracting at least one file from the update content during the installation of the operating system component** (col. 1:35-40, "The computer programs comprising the remote location operating system and application programs will be changed from time to time as improvements are added to the programs and as programming errors, typically referred to as "bugs", are found and fixed (i.e. extracted)", and col. 2:47-53, "In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site that operates with a customer

interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code back from the software maintenance facility”).

As per claim 13, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses that **pre-processing the update content in preparation for installation** (col. 1:35-40, “The computer programs comprising the remote location operating system and application programs will be changed from time to time as improvements are added to the programs and as programming errors, typically referred to as “bugs”, are found and fixed”, and col. 2:47-53, “In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site (pre-processes the update content) that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code back from the software maintenance facility”).

As per claim 14, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses that **the operating system component comprises one or more files wherein installing the updated operating system component on the destination machine comprises:**

- **searching the update content for each of the files** (col. 2:58-63, “the front end permits the customer to specify a range of operations, including service research (i.e. searching for files), requesting service, applying service, providing fixes, and installing serviced product or fixes at the remote location. A service machine at the

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central site performs the requested service, and the results are provided back to the customer”),

- **searching the one or more installation media for each of the files not found in the update content** (col. 2:58-63, “the front end permits the customer to specify a range of operations, including service research (i.e. searching for files), requesting service, applying service, providing fixes, and installing serviced product or fixes at the remote location. A service machine at the central site performs the requested service, and the results are provided back to the customer”).

As per claim 15, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses **specifying registry to automate installation of the updated operating system component** (col. 1:35-40, “The computer programs comprising the remote location operating system and application programs will be changed from time to time as improvements are added to the programs and as programming errors, typically referred to as “bugs”, are found and fixed”, and col. 2:47-53, “In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site (pre-processes the update content) that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code back from the software maintenance facility”).

As per claim 16, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Albright discloses **one or more computer readable media having computer-executable**

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instructions for performing the method recited (col. 1:35-40, "The computer programs comprising the remote location operating system and application programs will be changed from time to time as improvements are added to the programs and as programming errors, typically referred to as "bugs", are found and fixed", and col. 2:47-53, "In accordance with the invention, a computer network system includes a software maintenance facility at a central site (pre-processes the update content) that operates with a customer interface through which a customer at a remote location can request service and receive updated executable code back from the software maintenance facility").

As per claims 27-37, this is a computer readable media version of the claimed method discussed above, in claims 1-11 and 13, wherein all claimed limitations have also been addressed and/or cited as set forth above. For example, see Albrights system for automatically transitioning files among computer systems (col. 1:35-2:63).

As per claims 38-34 and 36-39, this is a system version of the claimed method discussed above, in claims 1 and 10, wherein all claimed limitations have also been addressed and/or cited as set forth above. For example, see Albrights system for automatically transitioning files among computer systems (col. 1:35-2:63).

As per claims 40-42, this is another method version of the claimed method discussed above, in claims 7 and 11, wherein all claimed limitations have also been

addressed and/or cited as set forth above. For example, see Albrights system for automatically transitioning files among computer systems (col. 1:35-2:63).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-16, 17-34 & 36-42 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andre R. Fowlkes whose telephone number is (571) 272-3697. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571)272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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